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EO 11652: NA
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, SF
SUBJ: DENTIST DIES AFTER FOUR HOURS IN DETENTION

1. AUGUST 4 PRESS REPORTED DR. HOosen HAFEJEE, A DENTIST AT DURBAN'S KING GEORGE V HOSPITAL, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS DURBAN CELL FOUR HOURS AFTER BEING DETAINED BY POLICE. HE REPORTEDLY WAS ARRESTED AROUND MIDNIGHT AUGUST 3 AND HELD UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW CRIMINAL PROCEDURES ACT ON A PENDING CHARGE UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT. AT 4 AM A WARDEN FOUND HIM HANGING FROM A LEG OF HIS TROUSERS, WHICH WERE ATTACHED TO HIS CELL DOOR. ACCORDING TO A POLICE SPOKESMAN THE POST MORTEM EXAMINATION BY A STATE PATHOLOGIST REVEALED THAT "THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS CONSISTENT WITH HANGING". HOWEVER AN INDEPENDENT PORT MORTEM BY A MEDICAL SPECIALIST AND A PRIVATE DOCTOR REPORTEDLY FOUND NUMEROUS ABRASIONS AND BRUISES ON DR. HAFEJEE'S BODY. AN INQUEST WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH. OPPOSITION PARTY SPOKESMEN, COMMENTING ON HAFEJEE'S DEATH, THE 15TH IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS OF PERSONS HELD UNDER SECURITY LEGISLATION, CALLED FOR A SPECIAL JUDICIAL INQUIRY
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INTO DEATHS IN DETENTION.

2. RELIABLE CONGEN SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT HAFEJEE WAS APOLITICAL AND NOT A MEMBER OF ANY POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. WE WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS IN CASE.
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